
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

8/19/08

The Board of Selectmen met in the Town Hall, Joseph F. Bilotta Meeting Room as scheduled with Thomas Alonzo, Steven M. deBettencourt, Thomas Mason, Dave Matthews and CAFO Kerry Speidel present, Paula Bertram absent. Meeting opened at 7:01 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Dave announced that the governor has signed the "Green Communities Act" and would like to see us as community pursue.

Tom A. announced debates have been scheduled between Jennifer Benson and Kurt Hays candidates for State Representative for Thursday, August 21st 6:30 PM at the Shirley Hazen Library and again on Thursday, August 28th at the Lancaster Town Hall.

Rick Hill of 99 Oak Ave., would like to have a road toll to raise money for the Lunenburg Bengals Cheerleaders, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on September 7th. Dave motioned to approve the request to hold a road toll on September 7th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Tom M. seconded, voted unanimously to approve.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Household Hazardous Waste Day, September 27, 2008 – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, DPW 520 Chase Road - Open to all residents and business owners, pre-registration suggested by either contacting Tessa David @ 978-660-6130 or through www.MassToss.com

2. Vacancies – Per attached list, board directed applicants to complete a talent bank form and forward to the office.

APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:15 P.M. – Class II License, 541 Chase Road – First Choice Auto Sales – Tom A., read the attached notice of Public Hearing. Steve Bettencourt present to request a license for a used car lot and would like to continue the same business, changing names and number of automobiles from 15 to 25. Steve deBettencourt motion to grant license to First Choice Auto Sales, Tom M., seconded voted unanimously.

CURRENT BUSINESS

1. CAFO Updates

- Spoke today with Melinda Ordway from DOR, technical assistance bureau regarding a financial management review and they are now ready to come out and commence the review process. She will be out on this Thursday, meeting with elected and appointed officials to determine how things flow throughout the community. Opportunity for the board to meet with DOR representatives one on one to share information that you have as they are attempting to get as much information about the town in a short amount of time. Delivery of the report is anticipated to be within 30 to 60 days.
- Town received a couple of grants, first is from the Senior Center Energy Education Mini Grant for \$3,748.30 for "Energy Education" from the Attorney General's Office which will be used for energy education for seniors. A flyer has already been prepared with general information on programs that are available for seniors. Grant will pay for production and mailing of the flyer as well as a couple of workshops for seniors.
- Second grant is from Renewable Energy Trust and administered by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative for a community lighting program competitive grant. This programs is offering free solar powered lighting systems and we have been awarded hardware plus installation to be installed at Veteran's Memorial Park.
- Ritter Building personnel have been working there almost everyday, finished mold remediation, framing and next week insulation and wallboards. Currently out to bid for the Vertical Platform Lift and these are due September 4th. Have a commitment from the Sheriff's office to get the painting done, the savings realized from this is approximately \$30,000. Hope to also have some assistance from Monty Tech, to construct signage and possibly a table for the meeting room. Occupancy anticipated to be end of November.
- Final stages of drafting up an RFP for the Primary School and will forward to the board via email. Would like to get project moving and as such requesting the boards review. There is a variety of interest in the building and want to keep this moving along, which seems to be the most likely to follow through. Latest assessed value of the property is almost \$900,000 and have been weighing whether to have an appraisal done, considering issuing RFP without an appraisal.

2. Minutes - Board of Selectmen regular for 8/5/08 reviewed and signed

Warrants - #5 09, 8/13/08 - \$367,492.25, # 6 09, 8/19/08 - \$313,337.52, # 7 09, 8/20/08 - \$190,216.78 and #4P 09, 8/21/08 - \$433,104.19 reviewed and signed.

3. Action File Issues –

- Steve has been contacted by residents of Hollis Road to have the road fixed and would like to have some attention paid to the beginning of Hollis Road. Chairman concurred that it's in deplorable condition and we do need to find a way to remedy the situation. Board would like to know what is going to be done so that they can notify the residents who've called them. CAFO will address with the Department of Public Works Director when he returns from vacation.
- Chair questioned previous town counsel opinion letter on trench permits and would like to schedule a workshop so we don't lose site of the action needed by town meeting.
- Would like to have the people putting options to the board for the clock tower attend a workshop scheduled, tentatively scheduled for August 28th @ 5:00 PM, try to include VHB as well.

4. Revoke Class II License, 541 Chase Road – Al's Auto Sales – Office has checked with Alan Sanderson and has been informed that the dealership is no longer in business, Tom M. motioned to revoke the license held by Alan Sanderson, d/b/a Al's Auto Sales, 541 Chase Road, Dave seconded voted unanimously.

5. Special Town Meeting – Sign Warrants – Scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2008 @ 7:00 PM, Lunenburg High School Auditorium, signed by Dave, Tom M., Steve, and Tom A.

6. State Primary Warrant – Scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2008 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Passios Elementary School signed by Dave, Tom M., Steve, and Tom A.

7. One Day Wine & Malt License – St. Boniface, 817 Mass. Ave., Italian Fest – September 12, 2008, 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Steve recused himself from the vote, because of the perceived conflict however no financial gain to himself personally. Tom M., move to grant, Dave seconded, voted in favor.

8. Earth Removal Permit Renewals – per attached list. CAFO informed the board that Mike Sauvageau did inspect each of these properties and provided his report on the properties, attached. Steve motion to grant renewals, Tom M. seconded, voted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Committee Updates –

- Dave Capital Planning met with new members, brought them up to date with procedures, probably no real activity until November.
- Tom M., informed the board that there was a meeting on the ad-hoc committee (open-space) Monday morning, however he was not able to attend.

2. Dog Officer Report – 58 Laurel Lane – CAFO informed the board that Dog Officer, Kathleen Comeau followed up on the dog complaint at 58 Laurel Lane and provided the updated status as of August 18th the situation has been rectified and she will be checking on this periodically. Kathy also informed Kerry that she has been out there a number of times.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS / REAPPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS

1. Reserve Officer – Sean Zrate – CAFO received a request from the Police Chief through Lt. Marino to appoint Sean Zrate as a reserve officer.

Tom A., would like to meet the new officers to introduce to this board and members of the public, and therefore would like to request he attend the next meeting. Steve concurred, however does not want to hold up appointment. Steve motion to confirm the CAFO's appointment of Sean Zrate as Reserve Officer, Dave seconded, voted unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Being no further business board voted unanimously to adjourn Regular Session at 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Williams, Chief Administrative Assistant
Board of Selectmen